

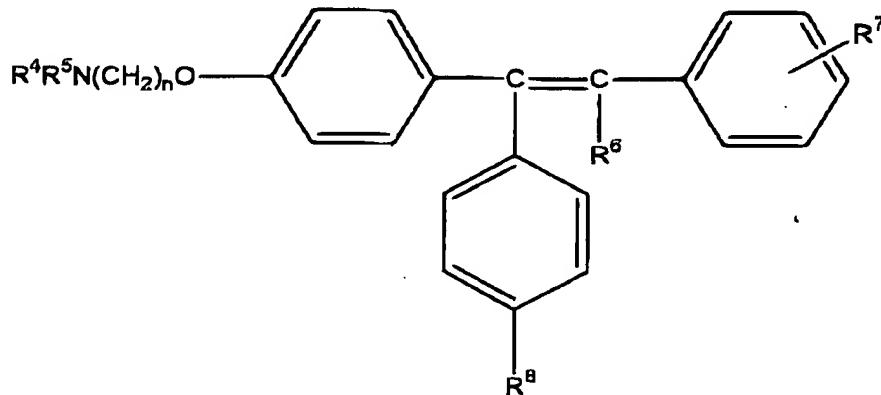
## AMENDMENT &amp; RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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23. [Once Amended] A method of claim [4] 1, wherein the CLC3 blocker is a compound of Formula I



wherein

either R<sup>4</sup> is H or a lower alkyl radical and R<sup>5</sup> is a lower alkyl radical, or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are joined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic radical;

R<sup>6</sup> is H or a lower alkyl radical;

R<sup>7</sup> is H, halo, OH, a lower alkyl radical, or is a buta-1,3-dienyl radical which together with the adjacent benzene ring forms a naphthyl radical;

R<sup>8</sup> is H or OH; and

n is 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

#### Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims, in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, is respectfully requested. The amendments have been made to clarify the claims in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, and not for reasons of patentability. Therefore, the amendments are not intended to limit the scope of equivalents to which any claim element may be entitled. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed.